

Trans, fuels, contracting, finance

75th ELGS finds a way to fix it

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As we near the end of Bright Star 01/02, I want to take this opportunity to thank the 42 fine individuals from transportation, fuels, contracting and finance that made up the 75th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron.

This has been a great chance for all of us to grow and learn. This was my first experience as a commander and I want you to know that you all have made it a pleasure.

I think back almost three months ago to the Mena House Hotel and remember the look from MSgt. Douglas Blount when he was challenged to transport 400 people from three different hotels to and from Qui Web – by the way you will use 35 host nation drivers who don't speak English.

Also there is SSgt. Eric Lyke, SSgt. Darris Spinks, A1C Daniel Wentz, A1C Carol Simmers, SSgt. Danny Tingler and many others who kept more than 73 rented vehicles and 45 WRM assets operational. I'll also remember the quick action taken by MSgt. Connie Dorr, TSgt. Derwin Hudson, SSgt. Matthew Sigstad, TSgt. Patrick Kirby and the rest of the POL team when they learned of the 11 no-notice mission aircraft needing immediate fuel that were routed through Qui Web shortly following the tragedy Sept. 11.

I had my first experience fueling a C-5 with a guided tour from A1C Robert Anderson and SrA. Matthew Boucher.

Thanks to A1C Jose Gutierrez who cashed more than \$120,000 in personnel checks and SSgt. Paul Keenan who made payments on more than \$400,000 of contract purchases with our contracting officers SSgt. Michael Billingslea, SSgt. Lowell Cook and MSgt. Scot Merrihew.

Finally I want to thank our LG customers who proudly served along side of us, it was your contributions fulfilling your duties that made our job possible. Thanks again for an incredible job – well done.



Photos by SrA. Chrissy Szczepanski
A1C Daniel Wentz, 75th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron transportation, welds a 50-gallon drum to help fuel power generators



TSgt. Derwin Hudson, 75th ELGS prepares a fuel truck to fuel aircraft.



Above: A1C Nicholas Hartman, 75th ELGS, welds wheels on a cart to support an acetylene tank. Below, A1C Jose Gutierrez, 75th ELGS, cashes a check for Lt. Col. Robert Moriarty, 75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group vice commander.

